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CIA-Oswald

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — A veteran CIA official who retired last week says he is convinced there is nothing to allegations that the Cubans were involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

David A. Phillips, who was with the CIA for 24 years, said over the weekend that Cuban Premier Fidel Castro has recently denied Cuban implication in the Nov. 22, 1963 assassination at Dallas.

"For the first time I agree with Castro," Phillips said. He was once stationed in Cuba and later headed the abortive Bay of Pigs operation. He said that Lee Harvey Oswald was undoubtedly the sole killer.

Oswald's previous defection to the Soviet Union and his approaches to the Cubans have led to persistent allegations — none confirmed — that Moscow and Havana were involved in the Kennedy killing.

Phillips said that the Cubans and Russians "regarded Oswald as a kook and didn't want anything to do with him."

CBS correspondent Daniel Schorr reported over the weekend that an officer of the Soviet secret police, who defected to the United States 10 weeks after the assassination, had seen the Soviet file on Oswald.